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## Loss of Kharkov Feared

### Our Daily Bread

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ALEXANDER H. WASHBURN

#### Byrd's Anti-Strike Bill 'Work or Fight'

Debates over labor legislation seem wordy and harsh, but in war-time the issue is swiftly and fairly reduced to one essential principle—when a man loses his personal freedom because of the necessity of military duty, and ownership of private property is ended by government seizure, then the right of a person working on government war orders to strike is a pure myth.

The several state governments are beginning to enact anti-strike laws. Arkansas has just adopted Senate Bill No. 65 forbidding violence in strikes. And now comes a federal proposal which attacks the strike question as it ought to be attacked.

I have here the full text of the speech Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia made in the United States Senate March 11 when introducing a bill which he calls, "The Work or

### Thousands of Americans Pay Income Tax

By The Associated Press  
Income tax payers by the uncounted thousands—many of them first-timers—stood in ever-lengthening lines throughout the country today waiting to file their returns before the midnight deadline.

Even greater crowds were avoided by the elimination for the first time of the requirement of notarization of returns, thus permitting all who wished simply to mail checks, money orders or even cash.

But many cities reported record numbers at internal revenue collection offices and postoffice money order windows throughout the morning. Police aided in handling some of the crowds.

Despite scattered reports of an "I won't pay; let 'em come after me" attitude, treasury officials in Washington expressed confidence that nearly all would pay.

At Cleveland, whence came first reports of a possible tax strike, Collector Frank F. Gentsch reported that week-end returns were more than twice the number for the first two months of the year. He added that those who had threatened not to pay evidently have been jolted out of the defiant attitude and are beginning to realize that all the plans of "pay-as-you-go" don't mean a thing now.

Collection offices in some cities opened branches to handle the overflow, and at Boston specially assigned internal revenue bureau men were endeavoring to divert the traffic to a newly opened branch in another building.

Because of new high rates and lower exemptions, many persons were forced to borrow money to pay their taxes, and one group—men in the 16 to 38 age bracket—found difficulty in most sections. Loan agencies felt the draft made many of them a poor risk.

In New York the second collection district at custom house reported the office banked \$400,000 this morning from yesterday's mail which swamped workers. Capt. William J. Pedrick, the collector, said he thought another \$350,000 to \$400,000 remained to be counted from the one-day take.

Estimates of increased collections ran from a mere 100 per cent in Florida to 200 per cent in New York.

An indication of the size of some of the crowds, Philadelphia reported 7,000 persons at the internal revenue office 20 minutes after it opened today, with even policemen lending a helping hand to the harried taxpayers in filling out their returns.

Newark again saw long lines forming at the office there, where officials had to bar stairways and elevators Saturday because of the crowds.

Amid all confusion there were many human sideights: In New York one man who said he had three sons in the service and did not have sufficient income to pay a tax told collectors he felt he should pay \$100 anyway. His check was accepted.

**Lt. Gen. Somervell Marries State Woman**  
Ocala, Fla., March 15 —(AP)—Mrs. Louise Hampton Wartmann and Lieut. Gen. Brehon Burke Somervell, chief of the Army's services of supply whom she first met when he was a West Point cadet, were married today.

The couple was unattended and only members of the immediate families were present at the single ring ceremony held at the bride's home here. Shortly afterward, the pair left for an unannounced destination. Following a brief wedding trip they will go to Fort Meyer, Va., where the general has resided since taking up headquarters in Washington.

Mrs. Somervell is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hampton of Pordyce, Ark. She was graduated from Belmont University in Washington, D. C., a school founded by General Somervell's mother. It was there that she first met the general while he was a cadet at the United States Military Academy.

Among members of the two families of the bride and groom attending the wedding were Mrs. Wartmann's three daughters, and three daughters of the general by previous marriages.

### Japs Reported Again Massing for New Push

By The Associated Press  
The Japanese are massing ships, men and planes in a new threat to Australia, this time at their bases to the northwest of the South Pacific continent, Gen. Douglas MacArthur warned today.

At the same time the Japanese were disclosed in a New Delhi communique to have recovered somewhat the initiative they lost in Burma early this year when Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's Indian forces launched their invasion toward Akyab. The communique said the Japanese, in a flare-up of fierce ground fighting, stabbed at the left flank of the British positions near Rathedaung, 25 miles north of Akyab, and forced a readjustment of the British lines.

In the wide theaters of the Pacific, however, American and Allied fliers continued to deliver devastating blows at a Japanese convoy off New Guinea, at Japanese bases in the Solomons and at the Aleutian base of Kiska.

MacArthur's communique today said air reconnaissance showed a "growing concentration of enemy transports and cargo ships" in the area of Ambona and Dobo, 600 and 500 miles northwest of Darwin, and that the Japanese were busily building numerous landing fields and strips at numerous spots in the northwestern area. The island of Ambona is the site of a former Dutch Naval station in the East Indies.

The statement was the second in a MacArthur communique in less than a month warning the Japanese are building up formidable forces in that area, either for offense or defense.

Delayed dispatches from the North Pacific disclosed the assault by Liberator and Mitchell bombers on Kiska March 10 was the heaviest yet made on that Japanese-held outpost in the Aleutians. A load of 55,500 pounds of bombs was dropped on buildings and thousands of rounds of cannon and machine gun bullets poured into defense posts.

Army officers hailed the attack as the beginning of a powerful summer offensive against Kiska. The British said the Japanese had been reinforced in the Akyab area, but told of strong aerial attacks on the railroad yards at Mandalay.

American fliers from India hit a new peak in their aerial assault by a heavy bomber attack on the 2,200-foot Goteik railway viaduct between Mandalay and Lashio, beginning of the Burma road, where they scored direct hits on the tall steel supports. Two of the big bombers were lost, however, the first losses of this type in Burma since Nov. 29.

The Americans also smashed at the Moulmein docks and the Pazaundaung bridge near Rangoon. The Tokyo radio announced Premier Hideki Tojo had returned to Japan from Nanking on his first official visit outside Japan, and had exchanged "frank views" with Wang Ching-wei, Chinese puppet premier of the Nanking regime.

**Eden Begins Conferences With Hull**  
Washington, March 15 —(AP)—Britain's foreign secretary, Anthony Eden, here for conferences on war and post-war problems, called on Secretary of State Hull today for the first of a series of conversations.

Accompanied by the British ambassador, Lord Halifax, Eden went to the State Department directly from a conference with Vice President Wallace. The British foreign secretary was non-committal on the Wallace conference. In reply to newsmen's questions he said merely he was afraid he had nothing on that subject.

He planned to have lunch with Secretary Knox at the Navy Department and to confer this afternoon with Sir Arthur Salter, head of the British shipping mission here. Tomorrow Eden expects to confer with Undersecretary of State Welles, and hopes before the end of the week to have an opportunity of meeting all cabinet members with whom he has not already conferred. He saw both Knox and Secretary Stimson Sunday.

**Famed Aviator, Duke Schiller, Dies in Crash**  
Montreal, March 15 —(AP)—Capt. Clarence (Duke) Schiller, internationally known veteran aviator who was a combat pilot in World War I and a RAF ferry command flier in the current conflict, was killed yesterday in a crash night landing at Bermuda, it was announced today.

The first announcement contained two other details. Some other members of his crew were killed, it was stated and possible one man was injured. Schiller was widely known in the United States. He was a former pilot for Gar Wood of Detroit and engaged in commercial flying projects in the middle west and Florida at times after World War I.

A Canadian-trained flier, he served with the Canadian division of the Royal Air Force—then the Royal Flying Corps—in the last war.

In 1928 he rescued the fliers of the Trans-Atlantic plane "the Bremen" which crashed on the lonely Liberator Greeney Island on an east-west flight. The trans-Atlantic fliers were Capt. Hermann Koehl and Baron Gunther Von Huenefeld, Germans, and Maj. James Fitzmaurice, an Irishman.

Many automobiles in England are equipped with rubber fenders.

### Aerial Activity Features Fight Over Tunisia

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
Allied Headquarters in North Africa, March 15 —(AP)—U. S. Mitchell bombers raided Marshal Erwin Rommel's positions yesterday in a continuation of the aerial assault intended to soften the Mareth line for the British Eighth Army's coming push although bad weather almost paralyzed the air war elsewhere in Tunisia.

Spitfires and Warhawks of the western desert air force escorted the Mitchell formations on their missions of destruction and made numerous sweeps independently without interception, military sources said.

Rommel holds ground in a semi-circle before Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's forward elements on the Medenine plains.

Allied and enemy patrols probed opposing positions. RAF Spitfires defending Allied shipping off the Algerian coast caught a formation of eight Heinkel III torpedo bombers yesterday, shot down one and damaged several others without loss, it was announced.

Spitfires roving over the North African front, where rain bogged ground forces, shot up two German trucks, a staff car and a motor-cycle.

The limited activity suggested both sides were concentrating on moving up supplies before changing the opening of another major engagement. With Allied heavy bombers grounded by the weather, Axis convoys presumably stepped up traffic from Sicily to Tunisian ports.

Perhaps referring to the Heinkel formation shot up by the Spitfires, the Italian high command communique broadcast from Rome and recorded by the Associated Press said Axis torpedo planes operating off Bone hit a large merchant ship in a convoy.

The communique, which also mentioned adverse weather in Tunisia, said anti-aircraft fire destroyed one Allied plane and German fighters shot down another over the Sicilian channel.

Two enemy bombers were destroyed Saturday night. All the Allied air operations were carried out without loss.

A cautious push by Allied forces in North Tunisia on a Nazi-held height known as Djebel Ben Marche clinched the Tunisian front over the week-end, but otherwise the rival armies were almost completely in a lull, and awaiting further reinforcements before risking a crucial battle, front-line dispatches reported today.

**Chinese Say Jap Offensive Has Collapsed**  
Chungking, March 15 —(AP)—The Chinese high command declared today the big Japanese offensive which began March 8 along a 100-mile stretch of the Yangtze river from the Japanese base at Yochow near the border of Hunan and Hupeh provinces had collapsed and most of 20,000 enemy troops were under harassing retreat.

One body of Japanese troops has been surrounded, a communique said, while another column is being encircled. Chinese forces on the northern bank of the Yangtze were reported to have launched an "extensive" counterattack.

The Chinese said the collapse of the Japanese offensive, which had been designed to protect the enemy's communications along the Yangtze, had greatly lessened the danger of another Japanese drive on Changsha, which was without three previous attacks.

Observers said it was too early to predict whether the Japanese would try to hold their key points on the south bank of the Yangtze. These points in Chinese possession would expose enemy river traffic to the danger of mines and artillery fire.

**Hunting Season Sought On Antelope**  
Helena, Mont. (AP)—Antelope have become so numerous in Wheatland Carter and Powder River counties that legislative representatives from the counties have decided to ask for control measures. They say the antelope are damaging crops and the legislation they propose would permit special hunting seasons or other methods to reduce their number.

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### Smoky Joe



You've gotta be tough to keep up a daily routine of fighting Japs in South Pacific skies, and Capt. Joe Foss, Marine ace who downed 26 planes, looks it.

### Giraud Erases Last Influence of Vichy

By WES GALLAGHER  
Algiers, March 15 —(AP)—Gen. Henri Giraud, after offering to meet Gen. Charles de Gaulle halfway in a union that "must be effected" among all Anti-Axis Frenchmen fighting for a rebirth of the French republic, today drafted a series of decrees repudiating the last vestiges of Vichy influence in North and West Africa.

In a Casablanca conference aftermath, the civil and military commander-in-chief also disclosed he was welding a striking force of 300,000 men equipped with American weapons and solemnly promised the people of his conquered homeland that "their sacred rights to choose a provisional government themselves will be fully safeguarded."

Giraud did not mention de Gaulle by name, but he implied in a speech last night he and de Gaulle could work out a form of mutual trusteeship pending the day of victory when their freed peoples could choose their own leaders by ballot "according to the rules of the French Republic."

Giraud embraced the principles of the Atlantic charter, and promised to abolish all Vichy legislation—particularly the anti-Jewish decrees, to restore democratic functions in North Africa including election of municipal assemblies and of Giraud's war committee, and to eliminate all Axis influences whether "measures or men."

The first formal decrees are expected to be published within the next few days.

"I wish with all my heart the union of all of us," said the hero of two world wars. "The union must be effected. That union is indispensable. I should like to cooperate with all those who accept the traditional principles (of the French Republic)."

Giraud's promise to eliminate "measures or men" deemed injurious to the Allied war effort was interpreted by some to mean that Gen. Jean Marie Berenger and Gen. Auguste Nogues, two members of Giraud's war committee, would be jettisoned.

These two men were not present at the opera house where Giraud addressed a rally protesting the German annexation of Alsace and Lorraine. The Fighting French have pronounced them pro-Vichy and demanded that they be ousted.

A Fighting French delegation headed by Gen. Georges Catroux is expected in Algiers shortly, and some observers believe this will speed negotiations to join the two French groups.

**Overseas Parcels Restrictions Cut**  
Restrictions on sealed parcels mailed to soldiers at overseas stations have been reduced by the Postoffice Department. Postmaster Robert M. Wilson announced today: "Hereafter sealed parcels not exceeding eight ounces in weight on which postage at the first-class rate is prepaid (3c per ounce) may be accepted for dispatch to Army personnel at APO's overseas without the presentation of an approved request from the addressee." Mr. Wilson quoted the department order as saying.

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### Germans, Reds Fighting Night, Day Inside City

By EDDY GILMORE  
Moscow, March 15 —(AP)—Fierce fighting is raging in the Kharkov area day and night, as Soviet troops struggle against large forces of enemy tanks and motorized infantry.

(The German high command announced yesterday the German southern army group had encircled and occupied the great industrial and railroad center of Kharkov after bitter fighting.) After stiff battles the Germans succeeded in pressing the Red army back to a new defense line in one sector at the price of large losses, it was announced today.

(Military sources in London speculated that Russian forces which have been threatening German-held Orel from the south might be forced to withdraw and straighten their front to save themselves from being cut off as a result of German successes at Kharkov. "It looks as though Kharkov is gone," these sources conceded.)

(Today's broadcast German communique said Russian losses at Kharkov were "yet to be surveyed," and that Soviet counterattacks west of Bilegorod had collapsed with heavy losses, including the destruction of 44 Red army tanks. Soviets attacks in the central sector and in the Staraya Russa area also were declared to have been repelled and 64 Russian planes were claimed downed in yesterday's fighting.)

The Russian mid-day communique announced one Soviet unit withheld the onslaught of German tanks and repulsed incessant enemy attacks continuing day and night.

To the north of Kharkov heavy battles are in progress with Soviet artillery fighting off repeated attacks of large German tank and infantry forces and inflicting enormous losses on the enemy, dispatches said.

The Soviet drive west and south of Vyazma was reported progressing at full speed as the Red Army captured several dozen more settlements in the last 12 hours, dislodging the Germans from hurriedly erected fortified positions around the towns.

The fall of Semlevo railway station, 14 miles west of Vyazma on the Vyazma - Smolensk line, was announced in the mid-day communique.

The troops under Lieut. Generals Gorodov and V. S. Polepov which stormed Vyazma were said to be smashing forward to the west and south of the city in the face of numerous German counterattacks.

A dispatch to Pravda said the Germans were employing airplanes and tanks in these counterattacks in an effort to halt the Soviet advance in this sector.

Northwest of Vyazma on the western bank of the upper Dnieper Soviet infantry captured several fortified towns.

The assaults were preceded by heavy shelling by Red army artillery, which is sticking closely to the advancing front line.

The mid-day communique announced a fresh Soviet breakthrough in the line of German fortifications south of Bely as the offensive developed successfully in this sector. No reports were published today on other sectors of the Soviet - German front.

**Closed Season on Bass, Artificial Bait**  
Little Rock, March 15 —(AP)—Under a law passed by the recent legislature the open season for commercial seining and tanneling closes today. Tom Mull, Assistant secretary of the Game and Fish Commission pointed out.

The new law changed the season from September 1 - February 15 to October 1 - March 15.

Mull also warned fishermen that the closed season on bass and on artificial bait begins tomorrow and lasts until May 15. This was not changed by the 1943 legislature.

**Wedding Ring Found After Thirty Years**  
Meadville, Mo. (AP)—Thirty years ago Mrs. Tom Barger lost her wedding ring on the farm to which her husband took her as a bride.

Years ago the Bargers moved to Meadville. The other day a farm boy found the ring on a country road near the old Barger farm.

It was none the worse for its thirty years of weather-beating.

### Wholesale Users of Utilities Must Pay Tax

Little Rock, March 15 —(AP)—The Supreme Court held today that wholesale consumers in Arkansas must pay two per cent sales tax on natural gas and electricity originating outside the state.

The decision, which affirmed Pulaski chancery, directed the Southern Kraft Corp. of Camden and the Crossett Lumber Co. of Grossett to pay approximately \$125,000 in taxes for consumption dating back to 1937.

Payment had been resisted on grounds that the transactions were interstate commerce since much of the electricity and all the natural gas involved came from Louisiana.

In holding the transactions taxable the high tribunal relied on a 1937 decision holding that sales withheld from utilities commission reports made by the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Co. for gas sold at wholesale rates under contracts signed in Louisiana were not transactions in interstate commerce.

Both Crossett and Kraft bought power from Arkansas Power & Light Co. the lumber company buys its gas from Mississippi River Fuel Corp. and the paper mill purchases gas from the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Co.

"In view of numerous holdings and the logic supporting them, about all the transporter of gas from designated state can in disposing of the commodity in another state without becoming subject to laws in the state of delivery is to cause the gas to be piped to a customer and received by that customer in the most direct and compact practicable form," the supreme court said.

"If the system through or by which delivery is made—such as for instance as a pipeline—is used to accommodate business gained in a state other than that of origin, and mechanical processes or physical factors are utilized because, in making delivery, there must be substantial variation of a primary commodity in form, the result is that while gas continues to be the subject of commerce, its characteristics have undergone changes."

### House Factions Battle Over Skip-Year Plan

Washington, March 15 (AP)—It was Democrats versus Republicans today in the House battle over skipping an income tax year to arrive at a pay-as-you-go basis.

But to hundreds of thousands of taxpayers, rushing to beat the midnight deadline for filing 1942 returns, the battle still was in a purely academic stage, having no immediate bearing whatever on their problem of making their first quarterly payments.

Republican House members, expressing confidence of final victory, called a closed conference for this afternoon to mobilize party strength behind the Ruml plan to skip a year, a proposition opposed by President Roosevelt and most Democratic lawmakers.

In an effort to head off to Republicans administration strategists searched for some pay-as-you-go system of their own which would overcome their objections to the plan advanced by Bardsley Ruml, New York banker.

Regardless of the outcome, no pay-as-you-go system can be put into effect before July 1.

In the Senate, Republican Leader McNary of Oregon told reporters he intended to support enthusiastically any workable plan which might be produced by the House.

"I think the American taxpayers have the right, considering the enormous burden they are being called upon to carry, to have their tax liability placed on a current basis," McNary told reporters.

### Attention, Police!

Business men who frequent the neighborhood of the Missouri Pacific station reported to The Star today that small boys are meeting troop trains and, while they stop momentarily in the station, are selling the soldiers popcorn, peanuts and the regular run of 5-cent candy bars . . . for 10 cents. Something ought to be done, drastically and promptly, to stop this bad advertising for our city. We suggest that the boys be reminded you have to have a license for public peddling—and if a warning doesn't stop this profiteering, arrests should follow at once.

### Fight Bill, to Control Strikes and Other Impediments to the War Effort

Senator Byrd says in part: "Existing law provides that if an employer does not cooperate with the government, the president has the power to seize his plant, but there is no law which prohibits strikes or controls the new and insidious methods of certain labor leaders who induce the members of their unions to absent themselves en masse, such as the vote taken yesterday by the workers of the Lockheed and Vega Aircraft plants at Los Angeles to hold a 24-hour mass meeting beginning at 12:30 a. m. Wednesday in protest against the War Labor Board's delay in handing down a decision on wage demands, or to control such instances as that which occurred in the Boeing plant at Seattle last week, when about 10,000 workmen, as reported by the Associated Press, left their tools and machines to demonstrate by means of a parade their intention to strike if their demands for higher wages was not approved by the War Labor Board."

Senator Byrd has an answer for these problems in his new bill before the senate. He describes it as follows:

"It amends the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940, under which every male citizen from 18 to 65 years of age (from 18 to 45 for military service) has already registered. This registration was required so that those within these age limits could be utilized in the most effective manner in the prosecution of the war."

"The bill provides that any man between the ages of 18 and 65 who strikes or acts in concert with other employees in such manner that their absence from work will seriously impede or delay the production of war materials shall immediately notify his local Selective production board to that effect, and if he fails to do so is subject to the penalties imposed under the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940. . . .

"The legislation as proposed will be operative only until the cessation of hostilities."

### No Claims Against State Can Be Paid

Little Rock, March 15 —(AP)—The Senate failed to adopt an emergency clause for the new claims commission law and hence no claims against the state can be considered until after June 11, Comptroller J. Bryan Sims said today.

Sims said it had just been discovered that the Senate failed to vote on the emergency clause, which the House approved.

The bill abolished the old claims commission and set up a new one composed of the comptroller, attorney general, revenue commissioner, highway director and state auditor. It also appropriated \$325,415 to pay claims. Sims said that in the absence of the emergency clause the new body could not meet until June 11.



**By Roy Crane**

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# Says Prussian Army Must Be Completely Destroyed

## Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By DeWITT MACKENZIE

Hitler's reported nervous collapse, whether it proves to be true or just another bit of wishful thinking about this arch-enemy of civilization, is a pointed reminder of one of the latest of the Allied problems which now are occupying so much attention in Washington and London — the extermination of the cause of German militaristic aggression.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who is in Washington to discuss cooperation among the United Nations, referred to this task of rooting out a press conference during the week-end. Said he:

"We must make sure that Germany and Japan Italy's problem is not of the same size but are never able to start this business again. That is the fundamental job of our statesmanship."

Of course Japan must be sterilized as well as the Reich, but the situation in both countries is basically similar, so let's devote this column to the Germans. One's first reaction to the Hitler report is the gratifying hope that it's true — oh, so true! — and that he never recovers. The effect on the morale of his country undoubtedly would be devastating. Germany's whole war effort is built about his amazing leadership which diabolical though it is, still represents one of the most powerful of history.

Having studied Hitler at close range in Germany, I believe that he and Nazism are one and the same thing. He is the soul of this barbarism, and when he goes the dictatorship won't long survive.

We mustn't forget that the fanatical young Nazis regard the fuhrer not only as their political chief but actually as a Messiah. This pseudo-spiritual leadership gives him a hold which neither Crown Prince Goering nor any other Nazi possesses.

However, while the collapse of Hitler might hasten the end of the war, we shall make a terrible mistake if we think we shall have eliminated German militarism when we have hanged him and his captains or otherwise disposed of them. The thing goes deeper than Nazism, as becomes clear when we stop to think that Hitler never

## Market Report

**ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK**  
National Stockyards, Ill., March 15 —(A) — (U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, 13,500; weights over 170 lbs. steady to strong with average Friday; latter trade slow; lighter weights 5-10 lower; sows steady to strong; bulk good and choice 180-270 lbs. 15.40-45; top 15.45; 280 - 320 lbs. 15.25-35; 140 - 160 lbs. 14.15-75; 100-130 lbs. 13.10-1400; sows 14.85-15.15; mostly 14.90 - 15.15; stags 13.25 down; quotations based on hard hogs.  
Cattle, 4,000; calves, 1,000; openings fully steady and active on all classes; few good and choice steers 15.90-16.25; mediums down to 14.00; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings 13.00-14.75; common and medium cows 11.00-13.00; medium and good sausage bulls 12.75-13.75; a few to 1.00; vealers 25 higher, good and choice 16.75; medium and good 14.25-15.50; nominal range slaughter steers 12.00-16.75; slaughter heifers 10.75-16.00; stocker and feeder steers 10.50-14.75.  
Sheep, 2,500; early salable receipts consist of about 500 head, mostly lambs trucked-in; several loads reported back; market opened steady; small lots good and choice wooled lambs 18.00-75; most slaughter ewes 8.50 down; few up to 9.00.

## GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, March 15 —(A) — Hedge selling and large receipts at lead had been heard of when the fatherland started the last World War. German militarism was whelped in Prussia and I mean Prussia. It has been the arrogant, swaggering, bullying cause of trouble ever since that kingdom, under Frederick the Great, emerged in 1763 from the seven years war with Austria as a first class military power. Prussian militarism now, as for generations past, dominate the German military machine.

It happens that the Prussian chiefs are in process of being hoist by their own petards. Always looking for a chance to conquer the world, they decided to profit by Hitler's amazing hold on the people of Germany, and his life-long hope to see Europe ruled by the Prussians, whom he considers the master-race.

So the militarists gave the abnormal-minded fuhrer their support, and once having grasped the live wire they find it difficult to let go. They are bound to stane by his waning fortunes until the last hope is dead — and then we are likely to see them take to cover. But winning the war, and eliminating Hitler and Hitlerism, won't kill militarism in Germany or, more accurately, in Prussia. Prussianism isn't dependent on an individual, as Nazism. It's an institution.

The Prussian military leadership must be destroyed. How? Well, that's up to the Allied council, but the Prussian chiefs must in some way or other be taken out of circulation. Their military machine will have to be so thoroughly smashed that there will be no fighting forces or weapons of any description left for use on land, at sea or in the air.  
Then German — and Japan — will have to be occupied by Allied troops for many years, to give time a chance to rear a new generation that wants peace. One useful thing we have learned from Hitler is that the character of a nation can be changed over-night, so to speak, by intensive cultivation of the young mind.

## SKIN ERUPTIONS

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At this time we have no extra street light bulbs in stock.  
Hope Water & Light Plant

## Mass Is Said Over Grave of Chaplain

By RUTH COWAN

Fedala, French Morocco, March 13 (A) — Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York said mass today at plain, hastily-built wooden altar in a small French cemetery over the grave of the first American chaplain killed in the Second World War.

The Rev. Clement Falter of Akron, Ohio, Catholic chaplain in an infantry unit which landed last Nov. 8 with the first United States assault troops, was killed during the French resistance. He was buried in a nearby cemetery, along with a number of other Americans who lost their lives while going ashore. He was teaching in Indiana when he volunteered for service.

It was a simple service held amid the white crosses marking the graves of the American dead. On these crosses, placed at the heads of mounds too fresh to be grass-covered, are plates giving names and serial numbers of the fallen soldiers.

At the conclusion of the mass the archbishop walked slowly to the edge of the wooden platform. He said slowly and simply:

"It was not my intention to say anything, but still I feel that on this occasion I should tell you of the consolation I have experienced to be able to offer the holy sacrifice of the mass for the eternal repose of all our fellow Americans who have given their lives for our country and for the principles our country stands for."  
"When I left the United States a month ago it was one of my most cherished hopes to visit the graves of American soldiers and sailors and to offer the sacrifice of the mass."

He added that here this morning "in a cathedral under the sky with the birds singing accompaniment" he was realizing that hope.

That, he said, gave him consolation, as did seeing present so many comrades of the men buried there. "I am sure you share with me and I with you the feelings of gratitude to Almighty God that we are citizens of our land that our land stands for the principles it does."

ers instead of one.  
SB130 (Education committee) — Lend money from revolving loan fund or permanent school fund to teachers salary fund.  
Before tackling the approximate appropriation bills, Adkins asked Comptroller J. Bryan Sims to prepare a summary of the bills.

## Flashes of Life

By the Associated Press  
Nothing to it  
Buffalo, N. Y. — The teletype in the Washington street police station clicked out a message about a stolen automobile.

Acting Lieut. Thomas J. Wright read it, then glanced across the street at a gas station. A car with a license number corresponding to that on the message was being serviced.

Police arrested the two youths in it and booked them on second degree grand larceny charges.

The Litter  
Portland, Ore. — Police saw a man leaving a hardware store, his overcoat bulging. They charged him with shoplifting.  
The bulge turned out to be an anvil.

Father Fixes  
Denver — Jack Cody, 7, fell into a cactus patch — but father knew what to do.  
Dr. Glen Cody got busy with his

## Trial of Pope County Judge Is Continued

Russellville, March 15 —(A) — The trial of Pope County Judge J. N. Grant, on charges connected with his conduct of county affairs in 1941 and 1942, was postponed again today, this time to March 29.

The postponement was granted on defense Attorney Reece Caudle's plea that he was too ill to proceed with his client's defense.

Circuit Judge Audrey Strait set March 22 for a hearing on the "demonstrability" of the two charges on which it is proposed to try Grant first.

Strait said it was important to dispose of the matter on its merits as quickly as possible and indicated no delay would be granted after March 29. He said if Grant was guilty it should be known in the interest of county government and if innocent he was entitled to public vindication.

## Hot Springs Mentioned in State Squabble

Little Rock, March 15 (A) — The attack Sen. B. F. Williams, Osceola, delivered against Governor Adkins and his administration during the legislature's closing session Thursday has been repeated by two administration senators.

In a statement issued here last night Senators W. K. Oldham, England, and Henry B. Hardy, Greenbrier, declared Adkins was "anxious to save the state of Arkansas money." They asserted, however, the Senate minority group was an "obstructionist" bloc and the title "economy bloc" was a misnomer.

Saying that the influence of "the Hot Springs machine" was manifest throughout the session, the two administrationists said "the one great desire of a small group was to limit the power of the state police in order that the governor could not order them into the certain counties to stop gambling and bookie joints."

During the closing days of the session, they said, Adkins "favored any concession within reason which would tend to avoid an expensive special session of the legislature."

The majority of metal institutions in Great Britain are maintained by public funds.

Blind persons in Great Britain receive government old-age pensions at 40.

## Navy Training Program Tests at High School

Qualifying tests for applicants for the new Navy College Training Program, V-12, will be conducted throughout the country on Friday, April 2. All schools and colleges are being requested to cooperate by administering the test to their students.

From those who take the test the Navy will eventually select students for the Navy College Training Program. Those accepted will take their college training discipline. Upon completion of their college training they will receive further training leading to commissions. Fifty per cent of those selected will start their college work in July, and the remainder in November.

Civilian agencies will handle the administration of the testing program regionally. Local tests will take place at 9 a. m. on April 2 under identical conditions in 25,000 centers throughout the country. Location of the centers will be announced locally. Application forms will be distributed to schools and colleges next week. Prospective candidates may obtain application blanks at a time and place to be announced by local school and college officials.

Applicants who qualify through the test will report at their own expense to District Offices of Naval Procurement, where they will undergo a physical examination and an interview to determine potential officer-like qualities. Special committees consisting of a representative civilian, and educator and a Naval officer will make the final selection of students for the Navy College Training Program.

Qualifications for Navy College Training test:

1. High school and preparatory school graduates who will have attained their 17th and not their 20th birthday by July 1, 1943, regardless of whether they are presently attending college.

2. High school and preparatory school seniors who will be graduated by July 1, 1943, provided they will have attained their 17th and not their 20th birthday by that date.

3. Students who will have attained their 17th and not their 20th birthdays by July 1, 1943 who do not hold certificates of graduation from a secondary school but who are not continuing their education in an accredited college or university.

Furthermore, to be eligible for selection, you must:

- 1. Be a male citizen of the United States.
- 2. Be morally and physically qualified for this program, including a minimum uncorrected visual acuity of 18-20 in each eye.
- 3. Be unmarried, and agree to remain unmarried until commissioned, unless sooner released by the Navy Department.
- 4. Evidence potential officer qualifications, including appearance and scholarship records.

Men now enlisted in any branch of the armed services, including V-1, V-5, V-7 reserves on inactive status, are not eligible to take this test.

This test will serve as a qualifying test for the Army as well as the Navy. Candidates may express the preference or indicate no preference.  
For further information, please contact James H. Jones, Superintendent of Schools, phone 167. This test will be given at the Hope High School April 2 at 9 a. m.

## House Group Takes Up Bill on War Plans

Washington, March 15 —(A) — The presence in Washington of Anthony Eden and new successes of an anti-administration coalition in Capitol Hill centered attention today on the forthcoming congressional debate over the extent of this nation's participation in post war international adjustments.

The first round will begin when the House Ways and Means committee takes up a bill, probably within two weeks, to renew the reciprocal trade agreements act. While the current visit of the British foreign secretary had no direct connection with a legislation before Congress, supporters of reciprocal trade extension set forth that the trade debate and Eden's talks here would deal largely with the same post war problems of global reorganizations.

The recent dominance in the House of Representatives by Republicans aided by a segment of Democrats bore directly on the fate of the trade act, as Republican opponents of extending it already had begun calling on congress to "re-capture" control over tariffs and thus restore congressional prerogatives.

It was largely on the "prerogatives" issue that the House last week overwhelmingly voted to negate a presidential order fixing wartime salary limits at \$25,000 after taxes.  
Representatives Robertson (D-Va.) and Gearhart (D-Calif.), both Ways and Means members, took the lead in opposing views on the reciprocal trade issue, while there was obvious concern among administration leaders on the chances of the act's extension. The Virginian stated the pro-

## Arkansas Man Dies in Plane Crash

Laurel, Miss., March 15 —(A) — The names of three men from the Army Air Base here, killed when they tried to make a forced airplane landing Saturday, were made public by air base officials.

The list included:  
Second Lt. John Kenneth White, Lexington, Ky., mother, Mrs. Maud C. White, Lexington.

Sgt. Jack Evans Formby, Alma, Ark., parents at Alma.  
Corp. Lloyd Israel Berkoff, Los Angeles, father, Harry Berkoff, New York City.

## F. S. Russell of Saratoga Dies Today

F. S. Russell, 64, resident of Saratoga, died suddenly of an heart attack at his home early today. Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending arrival of a relative.

He is survived by his widow, 2 sons, Herbert with the armed services stationed at Texarkana, Charlie Russell, U. S. Army stationed at Charleston, S. C., 2 sisters, Mrs. C. Spates and Mrs. Elizabeth McJunkins of Saratoga.

## Today in Congress

By The Associated Press  
Senate  
In recess.  
Judiciary committee scheduled to vote on nomination of former Gov. James Alfred to fifth circuit court of appeals.  
Joint conference committee seeks to compose differences in \$6,280,000 deficiency bill.  
House  
In recess.

## Wives At Cut Price In The Solomons

Woodward, Okla. (A) — The price of a bride in the Solomons is \$10.50 a head, Maj. Emmet N. Carter has written.  
Color of the bride is saddle brown — there are strings attached to the purchase of one such as:

- 1. The soldier must promise to marry her before he flirts with her.
- 2. He must get the consent of parents and the village chief.
- 3. He must promise to take her home with him, across the seas.

ponents view as follows:

"The principle has been tried and its worth proven. If, in the midst of this world crisis, we repudiate this principle of international cooperation, it will, I fear, be construed by all other nations of the world as an indication that when the war is over we plan to return to isolation, and maintain an armed camp pending the commencement of World War No. 3."  
Voicing opposition, Gearhart said:  
"The powers delegated to the trade agreements act are now utilized merely as a convenient excuse for slashing tariffs by a subterfuge, as a sugar-coating for a very economic pill with which our confirmed internationalists are dosing an unsuspecting public. It is high time that the congress takes back, recaptures, if you please, its constitutional prerogatives and reassumes its age-old legislative responsibilities."

## Specialists on Farm Problems to Head Meet

To assist truck farmers with marketing problems that will be necessary to take advantage of price support programs announced by the United States Department of Agriculture will be the primary purpose of a meeting to be held in County Courtroom Wednesday afternoon, March 17 at 1:30 according to Oliver L. Adams, County Agent. Two Extension Service Specialist, John White and Earl Allen, will be present to advise with the truck farmers.

Irish potato producers who have been asked to increase their acreage by the State Agriculture War Board have been given a support price of about \$2.35 per 100 pounds for U. S. No. 1 potatoes in bags f. o. b. car. Suggested steps that should permit farmers to receive the largest share of this support will be discussed according to the county agent.

A representative of the Standard Brands Incorporated will be present to discuss the establishing of a station for purchasing cucumbers at Hope. Grades and prices to be offered for cucumbers will be explained.

All farmers producing truck for marketing in 1943 and all farmers interested in the production of cucumbers are urged to attend the meeting Wednesday.

Female silkworm moths are unable to fly.

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To Relieve Misery  
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HIYA, TRILLIUM! I HEAR YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A PARTY!  
HLO, BENNY! YETH.  
GIVE 'EM ONE MORE YANK, BUDDY! THIS IS A NICE, MUDDY SPOT!  
BENNY! LOOK WHAT YOU DID!  
GOSH, BENNY! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DIDN'T GET INVITED TO TRILLIUM'S PARTY! ALL THE KIDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE GOIN'!  
GREMLINS!